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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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Serial Number - 09/896,156

Art Unit - 2154

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For - Method and Data Processing System Providing File I/O Across Multiple Heterogeneous Computer Systems

Examiner - Wen-Tai Lin

**RCE AMENDMENT**

14 Carlisle Road  
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Commissioner for Patents  
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Dear Sir:

This amendment is enclosed with the filing of a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 CFR 1.114 of the above-identified application for the purpose of placing the application in condition for allowance. Accordingly, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 15 of this paper.